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I. The Problem

To devise a national psychological strategy plan for the Middle East. For the purpose of this plan the following countries will be included: Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Iran Libya, Israel and Iran. The plan will also take into consideration the strategic interrelationships of this area with nearby countries such as French North Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Turkey.

II. Objectives

By means of coordinated psychological operations, to further the following national objectives in that area:*

- a. To overcome or prevent instability within these countries which threatens Western interests.
- b. To prevent the extension of Soviet influence and at the same time to strengthen Western influence.
- c. To insure that the resources of the area are available to the United States and its allies for use in strengthening the free world.

*These objectives are taken verbatim from NSC 129/1, April 24, 1952, STATEMENT OF POLICY proposed by the National Security Council on United States Objectives and Policies with Respect to the Arab States and Israel, which was approved by the President on April 24, 1952. While they do not appear in NSC 107/2 (Iran), which is more specifically worded, they are sufficiently broad to be in consonance with that paper.

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- d. To strengthen the will and ability of these countries to resist possible future aggression by the Soviet Union.
- e. To establish, within the community of nations, a new relationship with the states of the area that recognizes their desire to achieve status and respect for their sovereign equality.

III. Tasks

The furtherance of the above mentioned national objectives by means of coordinated psychological operations will require the working out by this Panel of a series of psychological tasks.

IV. Planning Emphasis

In the setting of these tasks the panel will take into account both long-range and short-term considerations. In this connection short-range considerations may roughly be defined as those applying between the present and January 1954.

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